

**BOROUGH OF LONGPORT COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 2305 ATLANTIC AVE
LONGPORT, NJ 08403
WEDNESDAY, April 4, 2019 – 9 AM**

Meeting was called to order and Municipal Clerk Kyle read the Opening Statement pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act. **Official Action Will Be Taken at This Meeting.**

ROLL CALL:	Nicholas Russo	present
	James P. Leeds, Sr.	present (via telephone)
	Daniel Lawler	present

Engineer Carter, Solicitor Agnellini, CFO Kelly, Tax Collector Tomassi, Auditor Garcia, Tax Assessor Hackett, and Municipal Clerk Kyle also in attendance.

Auditor Garcia provided a presentation on proposed water/ sewer rate increases in the Borough of Longport. There was further discussion on this topic regarding how to address the water/sewer rates in order to cover future budget deficits regarding water/sewer costs.

Mr. Chris Hackett introduced himself to the Governing Body.

Resolution 2019-14 – A Resolution Appointing a Certified Tax Assessor –

Mayor Russo made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Lawler, to approve R2019-40. All in Favor – Yes. None Opposed. The resolution appointed Mr. Hackett as the borough’s new tax assessor.

MAYOR RUSSO

Mayor Russo discussed the beach access and maintenance plan for the NJ DEP. He noted that the borough has been granted temporary access to clean the walkways. He added that he had to cancel the April beach sweeps because he was not sure if the borough would be able to access the beach. He noted that parking is part of the access process. Additional handicapped parking was discussed for an area near 16th Avenue and the beach. There was further discussion on potential time limit restrictions as well as parking space for emergency vehicles. Engineer Carter discussed potential use of the gravel area near the bulkhead for emergency vehicle use.

Mayor Russo noted that a request was received from a local church to increase beach services. There was further discussion on similar type requests to use public areas and developing a formal request process.

Mayor Russo requested a summary from Solicitor Agnellini on the municipal public access plan. Solicitor Agnellini provided an update. Mayor Russo discussed the davits on the beach and removing them.

Mayor Russo read a letter from the NJ DOT noting that the borough received \$201,000 in municipal aid funding for 29th Avenue. There was further discussion on this topic.

Mayor Russo also noted that he has received a lot of positive feedback regarding the solar power radar speed signs recently installed in the borough.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Carter reviewed the Engineer's Report of April 4, 2019. He noted that beach maintenance report requires a fish and wildlife aspect that he recommended entering into an interlocal agreement with Margate to address. Engineer Carter also requested a list of specific needs for the fire boat lift. Engineer Carter discussed the NJ DEP Municipal Public Access Plan. Solicitor Agnellini also discussed a resolution that Margate recently passed regarding related legislation. Engineer Carter discussed a water quality assessment report that he was preparing. He continued to review the Engineer's Report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Agnellini noted that he is working on an employee drug-testing policy.

COMMISSIONER LEEDS

Commissioner Leeds discussed rental regulations regarding short-term rentals in the borough. Sheila Stone provided some information regarding what the Seaview Condo Association already has in place regarding rentals.

MISCELLANEOUS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

David Sciolla of 116 S. 15th discussed his concerns regarding parking on 16th Avenue. He noted that residents in the area were concerned about adding parking in the area. He added that the area is narrow and he had safety concerns. He added that he was supportive of adding the handicapped and emergency vehicle parking as discussed at the workshop.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION- LAWLER, SECOND-RUSSO. ALL IN FAVOR - All AYES- none opposed. (10:16 am)